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SUBJECT: UGANDA: POSSIBLE DETENTION OF AMERICAN TRAVELERS

1. SABENA AIRLINES INFORMED US THAT ON ARRIVAL BRUSSELS 06:05 FEBRUARY 27 OF SABENA FLIGHT 492 (KIGALI-NAIROBI-ENTEBBE-ATHENS-BRUSSELS) A GERMAN PASSENGER HANDED OVER TO AIRLINE AGENT TWO TICKETS BELONGING TO A DR. WILLIAM PARSON AND A MRS. LUCILLE PARSON. GERMAN PASSENGER DID NOT KNOW HOW PARSON TICKETS GOT MIXED IN WITH HIS DOCUMENTS AND ASSUMED AIRLINE PERSONNEL IN ENTEBBE HAD MADE ERROR.

2. ON INVESTIGATION, SABENA DETERMINED THAT THE PARSONS NEVER ARRIVED BRUSSELS ABOARD FLIGHT 492 AND TOLD US THAT TICKETS SHOWED CHECK-IN PROCEDURES HAD BEEN STARTED AT ENTEBBE BUT PARSON'S DEPARTURE "SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN CANCELLED." SABENA AGENT SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT SOME ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR HAD BEEN MADE AND THEY WERE CHECKING BACK THROUGH NAIROBI.

HE DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS GROUND PERSONNEL AT ENTEBBE AIRPORT, WHICH SERVICES SABENA FLIGHTS, HAD DELIBERATELY INCLUDED PARSONS' TICKETS WITH
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GERMAN PASSENGERS TO COMMUNICATE FACT THAT PARSONS HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED BY UGANDAN AUTHORITIES TO DEPART ENTEBBE.

3. PARSONS' TICKETS WERE TWA ROUND-TRIP SAN FRANCISCO-ENTEBBE ISSUED BY SATHER GATE WORLD TRAVEL AGENCY OF BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA. SABENA AGENT SAID TICKETS SHOWED THAT PARSONS DEPARTED SAN FRANCISCO FEBRUARY 12 AND PROCEEDED TO LONDON, RIAD (FEBRUARY 18), JIDDA

(18TH ALSO), AND NAIROBI (FEBRUARY 23). PARSONS' RETURN TICKET
TO SAN FRANCISCO WAS WRITTEN ORIGINALLY FOR A MARCH 26 DEPARTURE
FROM ENTEBBE, THEN ON TO BRUSSELS, LONDON AND SAN FRANCISCO.

4. SABENA WILL INFORM US OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.RENNER

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